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SUBJECT: SOMALI MEDIA REACTION TO VISIT OF U.S. CONGRESSMAN
ANDERSON TO SOMALIA

ALL SOMALI MEDIA GAVE GOOD COVERAGE TO THE VISIT OF U.S.
CONGRESSMAN JOHN B. ANDERSON TO THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC AS THE OFFICIAL GUEST OF THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT,
JANUARY 17-19, 1975. REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

OCTOBER STAR, JAN. 19, 1975:

SRC VICE PRESIDENT KULMIE AND CONGRESSMAN JOHN B. ANDERSON
OF THE UNITED STATES, ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SOMALIA, RETURNED
TO MOGADISCIO YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AFTER SPENDING THE DAY IN
THE LOWER SHABELLE REGION.

VICE PRESIDENT KULMIE AND CONGRESSMAN ANDERSON, TOGETHER
WITH THE U.S. AMBASSADOR ACCREDITED TO SOMALIA AND OTHER
OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT,
VISITED THE AFGOI REVOLUTIONARY CENTERS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS,
ITOP FRUIT CANNING FACTORY, THE SAND DUNES STABILIZATION
PROJECT AND THE CRASH PROGRAM FARM IN SHALAMBOD; A STATE BANANA
PLANTATION IN GOLWEIN; AND THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN
CENTERS IN THE AREA.

THE DELEGATION WAS WARMLY RECEIVED BY OFFICIALS, YOUNG BOYS
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AND GIRLS OF THE REVOLUTION AND VILLAGERS, WHEREVER THEY WENT.

AT THE YOUTH REVOLUTIONARY CENTER IN AFGOI, TP DELEGATION WAS WELCOMED BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN, BRIG. GEN. MOHAMED SALAH, THE TWO DIRECTORS OF THE CENTER AND OFFICIALS OF THE CUSTODIAL CORPS. THE DELEGATION WAS ENTERTAINED BY FOLK DANCERS AND WITH REVOLUTIONARY SONGS. THE DELEGATION INSPECTED DORMITORIES, VARIOUS FOOD ITEMS, YOUTH CLASSES AND CLINICS, AND WERE TRO ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE TWO CENTERS AND THE REVOLUTIONARY AIRMS THAT LED TO THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.

CONGRESSMAN ANDERSON, IN A SPEECH TO THE YOUTH REVOLUTIONARY CAMP IN LAFOLE, SAID: "IN MY SHORT STAY IN SOMALIA I AM MOST PLEASED WITH THE WAY THE SOMALI NATION AND THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT ARE TRYING TO WORK FOR THE PJSOGRESS OF THEIR COUNTRY." "THIS COULD BE SITNESSED BY THE ENTUSIASM SHOWN BY THE YOUNG RESIDENTS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY CENTER, WORKERS AT THE SAND DUNES STABILIZATION PROJECT AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES."

RADIO MOGADISCIO, JANUARY 19, 1975;

U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN B. ANDERSON, WHO WAS HERE ON A 2-DAY VISIT TO THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, LEFT THIS MORNING AND WAS BID FAREWELL AT THE AIRPORT BY SRC VICE PRESIDENT MAJOR GENERAL HUSSEIN KULMIE AFRAH, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER COL. MOHAMED SHEIKH OSMAN, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR ROGER KIRK AND PROTOCOL CHIEF, MOHAMED OSMAN. DURING MR. ANDERSON'S 2-DAY VISIT, HE VISITED IMPORTANT PLACES IN THE LOWER SHABELLE REGION, HAD TALKS WITH VICE PRESIDENT HUSSEIN KULMIE AFRAH AND MET SRC PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIYAD BARRE.(END REPORTS).
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